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Army Form C. 2118
Unit 13 Special Service Sqn R.A.F.

Month and Year

February

Acting

Commanding Officer Capt. J. V. Oldfield

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
6 th to 16 th		Exercise [CHARCOL] L8. Cooperating with 29 Inf Bde, One troop of tanks (1 Cruiser & 2 lights) took part acting as enemy fighting during actions during battle on 11 th & 12 th . Cruiser burnt out during a.m. of the 12 th . Light tanks carried on to end of battle.	
21		Exercise DUMFRIES Cooperating with 1 st Guards Bde. Two Squads Tank force reduced to Nine Vehicles before start of exercise. Tanks took little part in the attack.	
23		Firing of L.H.G.s at Newby Mains range by tank gunners	
25		Exercise DABRY cooperating with 1 st Guards Bde. One troop tanks and B ¹ echelon took part. One tank reached objectives remained out of action. B ² Echelon on vehicle casualty through heating radiator. 1 st Bde brigaded under BTO Petrol	

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Capt. J. V. Olafson.

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Unit: 13 Special Service Sqn R.A.F.Commanding Officer: Capt. J. V. Rutherford

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
4		Exercise BEATH co-operating with 36 Inf Bde on Troop of light Tanks operated. Defence depended on demolition which almost without exception failed. Tanks pushed well ahead with little opposition. Exercise halted for one hour to allow enemy to regroup. Enemy not ready when attack was resumed. Exercise cancelled through the weather, it was snowing heavily, and the speed of the advance again disorganised enemy.	Appendix part 2A
7	4	Hand grenade practice by the remainder of tank Commanders and gunners.	1 Capt
5		'B' echelon exercise. Practice in harbouring and the defence of a harbour and supplying the fighting echelon on the field.	Appendix A Capt
11		Signal Exercise. Practicing Sqn leaders in controlling the Sqns in W/T & R/T. Cars used to represent Troops.	2 Capt

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Unit B Special Service Sgn R.A.P.

Commanding Officer Capt. J. V. Blaford

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
8		Mail Party move to new location	J
9		Phone Party move to new location	J
1 17		Headquarters and transport rifle firing and gas practice on range	J
1 23		Troop warms refreshing elementary training practice in control and visual signalling	J
1 26		Exercise with Home Guard practicing the use to which tanks could be put in the attack and defence of a village Defending tanks well used by home guard as cover for withdrawal out lying pickets. Attackers showed little imagination	J
1 29		Troop warms Practicing troop sergeants in command of a troop in simple manoeuvres	J
1 30		Sgn. Signal warms practicing Sgn. leaders in command Troop leaders acted as umpires as well as troop leaders painting their own pictures. Weather worked well	J

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Unit B Special Service Sqn R.A.C

Commanding Officer Capt. J. V. Olafson

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
1 3		Our Troop exercise with Horse Guard, cooperating with a strong platoon, advance across woods to attack Gunthorpe. Tanks badly caught in Ambush, by defense, in a wood. Cooperating H.Q. refusing to clear wood for tanks. They were wrong and lost all their tanks as a result.	
1 6		Transport personal rifle firing on range, some very bad and have little idea of handling a rifle.	
1 11		Troop attacking on a village approaching behind smoke and clearing houses without infantry support. Hand grenades thrown through windows. Quite a successful day, but a lot of smoke is needed.	
12/14		B. Section harbour exercise, road discipline and harbour discipline good but harbours far too scattered and difficult to defend.	

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Commanding Officer

Capt. J. V. H. St. John

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
8 th	9 th & 10 th	Our Troop attached to Battle school for training and demonstrations. Ambushing and attacking PFFs from slit trenches practised attacking PFFs in Harbour.	
14 th	25 th	Squadron Service practising clearing pockets of resistance in woods - successfully carried out but drivers still go for logs. Movement by road - good to 1st world war. Harbouring - ground still had to picnic, surprise attack of harbour by Home Guard ought to have taught a lesson. Recovery - good lack of tools & equipment made repairs of tracks slow.	
29 th		Troop carrying attacking a village using Robin & HE. after two attempts well done	

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Commanding Officer Capt. J. V. Hayes

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
8 th	9 th	Bde Service Sq not called out till 9 th . Went into harbour in S.R.W.R. area where dismounted paratroopers - Personnel behaved much better. Was sent off to attack a village with Infantry, attack successful. One tank knocked out by mine. All tanks were road bound by crops. A second attack on two bridge heads was called off and service cancelled.	
16 th	17 th	Troop battle practice - each troop had three runs at first training was to fire movement and tactics being forgotten. B. Section examined each troop harbouring out and being supplied from billets.	
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